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The RCMP have announced they are now investigating six sexual assaults at the University of British Columbia's Point Grey campus.
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# RCMP link six UBC sex assaults

**Investigation.** Lone predator believed to be behind attacks

The RCMP major-crimes unit is now investigating six sexual assaults at the University of British Columbia, with the most recent attack happening on Sunday morning.

Speaking at a press conference, Sgt. Peter Thiessen said the RCMP have brought in behavioural psychologists as well as police dogs and a bike patrol to track down a suspect.

"I don't recall a similar set of circumstances at a campus in this province," Thiessen said.

In the most recent attack, a woman was walking alone from Gage residences at about 1:30 a.m. when she was grabbed from behind. She was able to flail her arms, forcing her attacker to run away.

Five previous attacks occurred from April to October.

The assailant is described as being about five-foot-eight to six-foot-two and in his mid- to late 20s or possibly early 30s, with a thin build, short dark hair and a long face.

Thiessen wouldn't speculate on whether the man is a UBC student, saying officers are working with victims to create a composite drawing.

Louise Cowin, vice-president students at UBC, said there will be two security guards posted to each of the six campus residences, as well as the creation of a voluntary walk-home program for students in residences called RezWalk.

The RCMP are urging anyone with information to contact their hotlines at 778-290-5291 or 1-877-543-4822.

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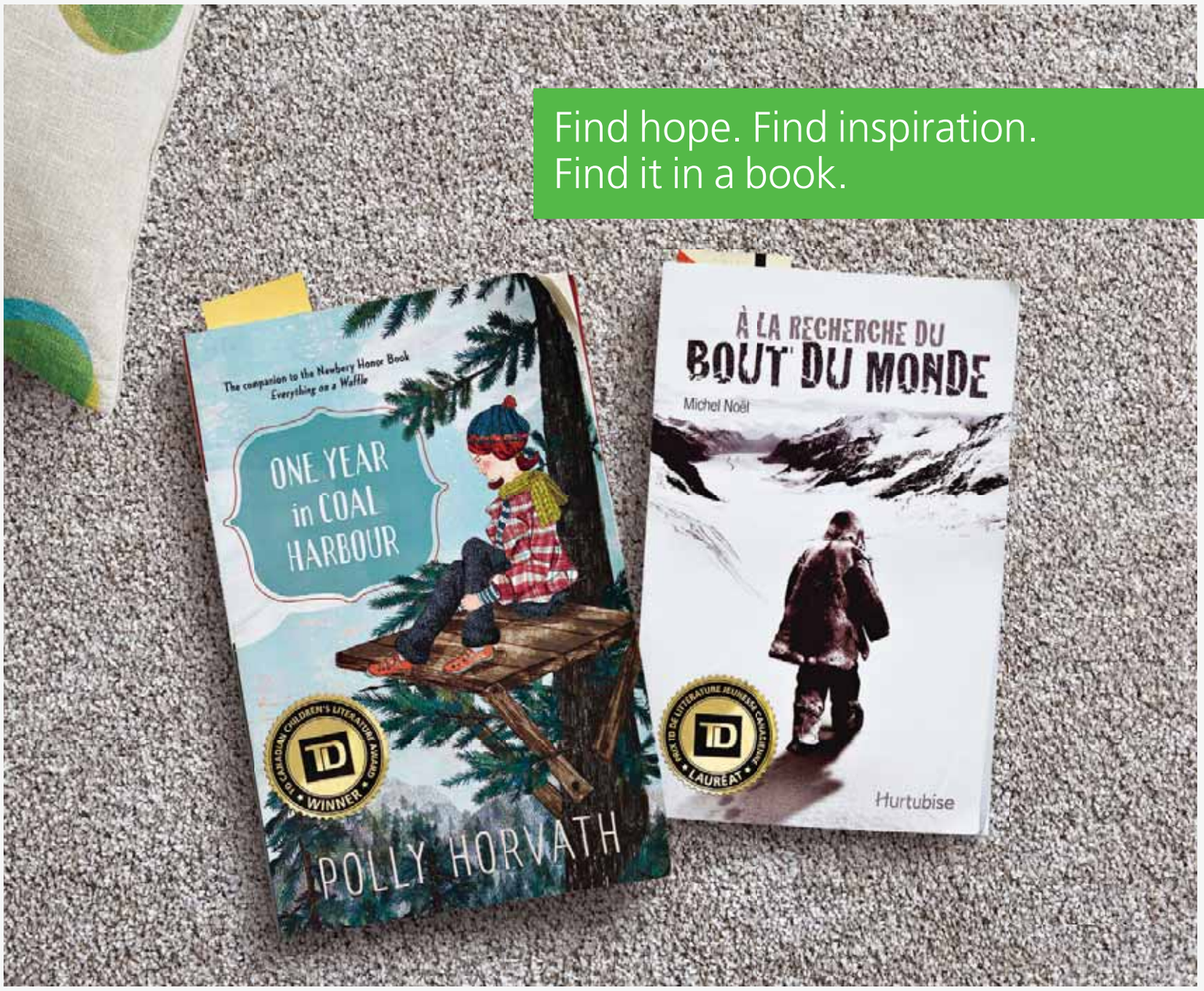


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# B.C. pondering liquor sales in grocery stores

**Cheers!?** While reform advocates say response has been positive, private liquor stores more wary

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The people have spoken and the overwhelming majority want the B.C. government to allow liquor sales in grocery stores, John Yap, parliamentary secretary for liquor-policy reform, announced on Tuesday.

About 80 per cent of comments on the province's liquor reform blog have been in favour of seeing booze and grocery sales under one roof since public consultations on B.C.'s "outdated" liquor laws began nearly three months ago, Yap said.

"The idea of selling beer and wine in grocery stores has been such a popular one that we are going to start exploring which models might work for B.C.," he said, noting liquor sales are already permitted inside supermarkets in Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia.

But don't expect to find wine, beer and spirits on grocery store shelves — as they are in many U.S. states — any time soon.

"We need to find a balance, considering both health and safety and convenience," Yap said, responding to concerns about potentially easy access for minors.

"A model that could help alleviate concerns is the store-within-a-store model, where the (Liquor Distribution Branch) or private licensees run a liquor store that operates under the same roof as a grocery store."

While many voters gleefully took to social media to tweet their excitement, one group of stakeholders was less than amused.

The Alliance of Beverage Licensees (ABLE) represents 672 private liquor stores in B.C., who are worried new legislation could undercut their businesses.

Yap said he has not decided whether to recommend lifting the cap on the number of licensed stores in the province. But, if not, the changes could simply usher in demand for existing stores to relocate.

"Most private liquor stores have long-term leases," said ABLE executive director Ian Baillie.

"Some have 20-year leases, some probably even longer with options, so it isn't just as simple as picking up a store and moving it. It's never that simple in business."

He added that he thinks the current system is a "great model" and that nearly all urban grocery stores already have a government or private liquor store within 30 metres.

Liquor sales are also already allowed at 221 licensed rural grocers in B.C.

The public has until Oct. 31 at midnight to weigh in on the review, either on the blog at engage.gov.bc.ca/liquorpolicyreview, or by tweeting #bcliquor.

His final recommendations will be delivered to Attorney General and Justice Minister Suzanne Anton by Nov. 25, and those could be tabled as legislation as early as spring.

Amanda Barry, beer and spirits manager at the private Steamworks liquor store in Gastown, says the province should have much higher priorities than allowing liquor sales in grocery stores. KATE WEBB/METRO

**Liquor review forecast**

## *Happy hours likely to get green light*

Jeremy McElroy with the Campaign for Culture, a grassroots organization advocating for liberalization of B.C.'s liquor laws, sat down in September with John Yap, parliamentary secretary for liquor policy reform.

He pressed the MLA on a number of issues that have been raised in the public-consultation process and offered these predictions for Yap's final report based on what he heard.

**Yes**

- **Happy Hour**: McElroy said Yap was "very open" to the idea of allowing happy hours from 4 to 9 p.m., provided there are price minimums and advertising restrictions
- **Craft beer and local wines at farmer's markets**: Several groups, including Campaign for Culture and Modernize Wine are pushing for this. "We're pretty confident because it's an easy thing for them to do," McElroy said.
- **Special occasion license overhaul**: The province's one-size-fits-all special occasion-licence system needs to be completely overhauled to account for the wide variety of events it covers, from weddings to non-profit fundraisers, McElroy said. He said Yap told him this is "100 per cent happening."

**Maybe**

- **Creative licensing**: Performing-arts centres, movie theatres and arcades are gunning for their own category of licensing, McElroy said.
- **Lift moratorium on liquor primary licences**: Many bars are currently masquerading as food-primary establishments, he said, forcing them to force food on their patrons since liquor-primary licences are currently almost impossible to get.

**No**

- **Trial run of drinking on beaches, parks**: McElroy said Yap's message to him when he raised this idea in September was "baby steps," since B.C. doesn't yet have happy hours or liquor in grocery stores.

"Frankly, it hasn't been one that has dominated the discussion, but it's one that has been heard, along with many others," Yap said on Tuesday in response to the Campaign for Culture suggestion.

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# Major B.C. earthquake would cost $75 billion, study shows

## Magnitude 9.0.
Overview suggests B.C. is unprepared for disaster

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B.C. is not prepared for the damage — and $75-billion economic hit — if a 9.0-magnitude earthquake occurs off the coast of Vancouver Island.

Ground shaking, landslides, the expected tsunami and fires will damage pipelines, cut off access to the Vancouver International Airport and compromise water supply, according to a study released Tuesday by the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

The study, conducted by catastrophe-modelling company AIR Worldwide, also found a 7.1-magnitude earthquake near Quebec City would cost $61 billion.

And these extensive damages weren't even calculated based on worst-case scenarios for the two regions, according to the study, which claims to be the most comprehensive ever done for Canada.

It aims to "raise awareness of the need to plan for, and mitigate, the risks of a major earthquake," said Don Forgeron, president and CEO of IBC, in a statement.

Insurance agencies, governments and all Canadians have a responsibility to prepare for such an event, Forgeron said.

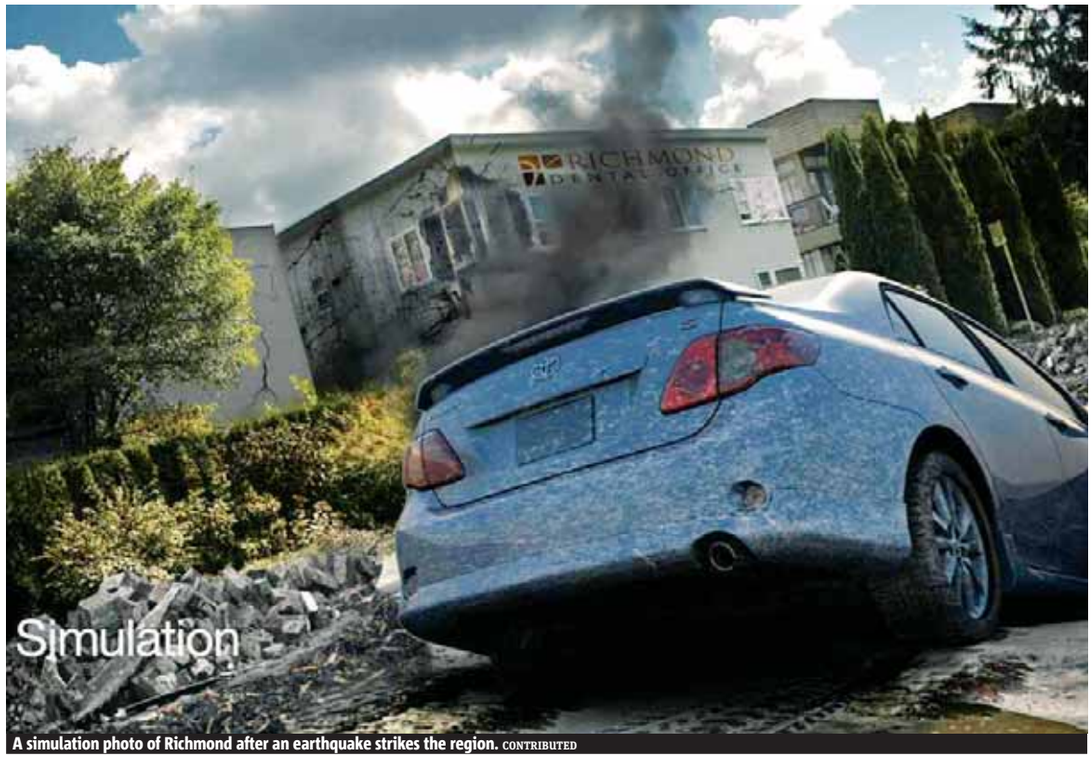
There's a 30 per cent chance an earthquake strong enough to cause major damage will hit southwestern B.C. in the next 50 years, according to the Geological Survey of Canada and Natural Resources Canada.

"If a mega-earthquake should strike in a densely populated area, insurance alone will not pay for all the damage. Governments and consumers have a role to play," Forgeron said.

The B.C. government is working to seismically upgrade schools across the province by 2020, but about 100 have yet to receive funding.

A 7.7-magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Haida Gwaii on Oct. 27, 2012, prompting Vancouverites to rush to buy earthquake kits.

For a guide on what to put in an earthquake kit, visit B.C.'s emergency-management department at pep.bc.ca.




A simulation photo of Richmond after an earthquake strikes the region. CONTRIBUTED

Riley Park Hillcrest Community Centre in Vancouver. EMILY JACKSON/METRO FILE

# Park board wins Round 1 of legal battle

The Vancouver park board is off to a head start in a three-round legal battle against six community-centre associations.

A B.C. Supreme Court judge threw out an attempt by the associations to get an injunction against OneCard advertisements in their buildings, according to a judgment released Tuesday.

The associations (Hastings, Kensington, Kerrisdale, Killarney, Riley Park Hillcrest and Sunset) argue that implementation of the OneCard, a universal pass that nixes the need to buy memberships at particular community centres, breached their operating agreement with the park board.

Since the card limits their ability to collect membership fees or maintain a membership base, they argue it causes irreparable harm and wanted the judge to order the park board to remove the advertisements.

But as the park board isn't forcing them to accept the OneCard — though it can be used at park board-operated rinks, pools and fitness centres at their facilities — the judge found no reason to grant an injunction.

The park board is "pleased" with the ruling, but the lawsuit is a waste of resources, commissioner Niki Sharma said Tuesday.

The issues would be best resolved at the negotiation table, she said, and the six are still invited to join the other community centre associations in ongoing discussions about a new joint operating agreement.

If a resolution is not found, however, the park board still intends to evict the associations by Dec. 31.

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**Fraser Health study**

## Chlamydia among female students a growing problem

Local health authorities will hand out condoms on campus to educate students about chlamydia this Halloween.

But the lighthearted contraception (and candy) distribution at the Simon Fraser University Burnaby campus on Wednesday morning comes with a serious message — use condoms and get tested for sexually transmitted infections, said Fraser Health Medical Health Officer Dr. Michelle Murti on Tuesday.

One-in-five female students will get chlamydia over the course of their post-secondary education, Murti said. The infection is twice as common among women, particularly between the ages of 19 and 24, than in men.

One explanation could be that women tend to get tested more frequently, Murti said.

"Obviously they're getting it from somewhere," she said. "It was just really surprising for us, seeing the data of how common it is for women."

But a lack of condom use could be the problem. Only half of university students used condoms in their last sexual encounters, according to a study released last week by Trojan and SIECCAN.

The number of chlamydia cases is especially concerning because 70 per cent of women don't experience any symptoms. About half of men don't experience symptoms, either.

The infection can result in pelvic inflammatory disease and infertility.

It can be treated with antibiotics. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

**Possible sexual assault**

## Driver in custody after missing teen found in trailer

A semi-truck driver is in custody after a missing 15-year-old was found in his trailer on Monday.

Kamloops RCMP say they were searching for the youth when they received a tip the teen could be travelling eastbound on Highway 5 in a tractor trailer.

Officers located the truck, driving from the Lower Mainland to Alberta, and the youth at weigh scales west of Kamloops. Police are releasing few details but say the driver may have sexually assaulted the teen.

It's not clear how the youth ended up in the tractor trailer. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

# Surrey withholds support on coal project after public din

**Four million tonnes annually.** However, the final say rests with Port Metro Vancouver

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One day after hundreds of Lower Mainland residents rallied against a coal export infrastructure project on the Fraser River, Surrey city council added its voice to the din.

Surrey's council will not support the Fraser Surrey Docks project unless an independent health-impact assessment is conducted and public hearings are held, according to a motion passed late Monday night.

The project would handle four million metric tonnes of coal per year. Port Metro Vancouver delayed its decision on the project until the proponent conducts its own health study, but that step wasn't enough for environmental and health critics.

Coun. Bruce Hayne said that while Port Metro Vancouver and Fraser Surrey Docks seem to have good solutions, such as suppressing coal dust, the efforts haven't been communicated to the public very well.

"You can sense the frustration," he said on Tuesday. "I think there is a bit of a feeling of helplessness."

Numerous municipalities, including Vancouver, New Westminster and Metro Vancouver, have already expressed official concerns about the health effects of coal dust and the climate-change issues associated with thermal coal.

But however the councils feel, they don't have the ability to say no to the project if the port ultimately grants approval.

"What we can do is to encourage the port to engage in more wholesome dialogue," Hayne said.

The Fraser Surrey Docks as seen from New Westminster. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

# World's first Bitcoin ATM set up in Vancouver

The Bitcoin ATM will allow consumers to exchange Canadian cash for the digital currency. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bernd Petak recalls a time when, curious about how exchanging cash for the digital currency Bitcoin worked, he wandered among the sellers at New York City's Union Square, trying to get the most bang for his buck.

"You meet at a certain time outside, and there are people standing around with their hand up," he said.

Such transactions involve buyer and seller scanning each others' smartphones to transfer Bitcoins — a virtual currency that isn't controlled by a bank — to the buyer's digital wallet.

On Tuesday, however, the world saw the first Bitcoin ATM go live in a Vancouver coffee shop, allowing people to exchange cash for the currency.

**Legitimacy**

**"With our current currency, we have our banking system, we have our government ... that gives us a sense of security with it. (Bitcoin) is essentially as safe as any currency, but it doesn't have that social history yet."**

**Katrina Caudle,** who exchanged $60 for 0.27 Bitcoins at the ATM on Tuesday

Bitcoins are transferred through a peer-to-peer network, and transactions appear on a public ledger that is accessible to all who use the currency.

Mitchell Demeter of Bitcoiniacs, the firm that installed the ATM, said Bitcoin transactions are more convenient than other payments because transactions are instant and there are no processing fees.

Demeter said his firm plans to set up the kiosks in other Canadian cities as well.

About 16 Vancouver-area merchants accept Bitcoin. Despite its rise in popularity, industry experts say consumers should still be aware of risks associated with the digital dollars that some argue isn't a currency at all. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Probe launched into criminal-record checks

Concerns about the amount and type of personal information disclosed in police record checks have prompted an investigation by B.C.'s privacy commissioner.

Elizabeth Denham says citizens and civil society groups have raised questions about the scope and sensitivity of personal information that's accessed and disclosed to police, often for employment-screening purposes.

She says thousands of record checks are processed every year by municipal police forces and the RCMP but the relevance of the information collected in the public and private sector needs to be scrutinized.

Denham says that while a criminal-record check is a report of someone's prior convictions, penalties or outstanding charges pulled from a national police database, such information can also reveal details that have not been proven in court.

She says some of the issues include a person's mental health, investigations that did not result in charges and charges that did not end up in a conviction.

Last year, the commissioner issued a report saying the B.C. government did too many criminal-record checks for employment-related purposes in March 2011 and that while some were valuable for people working with children, for example, others were an invasion of privacy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Victoria**

## Doctor banned from practising over sex assault

The B.C. College of Physicians and Surgeons has stripped a Victoria doctor of his registration after he was convicted of sexually assaulting a 16-year-old male patient.

The college board says it concluded that the conduct of Dr. Farrokh Rohani was so egregious and disgraceful that it handed out the most severe penalty available under the Health Professionals Act.

Rohani sexually assaulted the young man in August 2008 and was charged a month later.

The doctor hasn't practised medicine since that time. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Civil-rights group asks top court to move quickly on assisted suicide

**B.C. Court of Appeal.** 'I am ... a prisoner in my own body': Woman suffering with MS

The civil-rights group behind a landmark case that is expected to see the Supreme Court of Canada wrestle again with the contentious issue of doctor-assisted suicide is asking the country's highest court to fast-track what it says is a matter of "extreme urgency."

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association has filed a notice with the Supreme Court of Canada, asking it to hear an appeal of an earlier decision that upheld the law and to ensure the case is expedited.

It's the latest development in a case that has stretched on for more than two years, with the B.C. Supreme Court initially overturning the law and the B.C. Court of Appeal reinstating it in a decision released earlier this month.

Grace Pastine, a lawyer with the association, said the Supreme Court of Canada shouldn't allow the case to drag on any longer than necessary.

"This is a matter of extreme urgency," Pastine said Tuesday at a news conference in Vancouver. "The fate of gravely ill Canadians hangs in the balance.... For those who are suffering at the end of life, justice delayed is justice denied."

Elayne Shapray, a 67-year-old woman from Vancouver whose multiple sclerosis has left her unable to walk and requiring full-time care to perform even the most basic tasks, has filed a new affidavit to support the B.C. Civil Liberties Association's application to expedite their appeal. She told Tuesday's news conference that if the ban on assisted suicide is upheld, she will be forced to consider taking matters into her own hands before her health deteriorates even further.

"I am essentially a prisoner in my own body," said Shapray, sitting in a wheelchair and speaking in a voice that, at times, was reduced to a whisper. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Elayne Shapray, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, arrives for a news conference in Vancouver on Tuesday. Shapray and the B.C. Civil Liberties Association made an urgent plea to have a choice in how to die. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Feds strategy for endangered whales

A humpback whale breaks through the water of Hartley Bay along the Great Bear Rainforest on Sept. 17. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

After a five-year delay, the federal government has published a final recovery strategy for humpback whales off the West Coast that recognizes shipping traffic and toxic spills as threats to critical habitat.

The threatened whales have been central to the debate over increased oil tanker traffic along the British Columbia coast, and opponents of oil shipping from the British Columbia coast hailed the strategy as a victory Tuesday.

"Definitely this recovery strategy creates another very strong impediment to Enbridge and to the presence of oil tankers in that area," said Susan Pinkus, whose group Ecojustice was part of a lawsuit launched last year attempting to force the federal government to protect the habitat of the whales and three other endangered species. "There's very little doubt that oil tankers threaten the whales and their critical habitat in a variety of ways."

The published report noted a recent increase in the overall population of North Pacific humpbacks, saying there are an estimated 2,145 animals off the West Coast today compared to a minimum of about 4,000 in 1905, before the population was decimated by commercial whaling. And it said activities that may threaten recovery include vessel traffic, toxic spills and overfishing, as well as activities that cause acoustic disturbance, such as seismic exploration and sonar.

Federal Environment Minister Leona Aglukkaq did not respond to a request for an interview. A spokesman for provincial Environment Minister Mary Polak said the minister would not comment as "that is a federal matter." THE CANADIAN PRESS

**The report**

**It identified four critical habitats that will have to be protected off the B.C. coast, including Johnstone Strait off the northeast end of Vancouver Island, Juan de Fuca Strait on the southwest end of the Island, Dixon Entrance and the Inside Passage, off the central and north coasts.**

# Rat casino. Scientists focus in on problem gambling

Somewhere at the University of British Columbia, there are rats furiously pulling levers and staring at shiny, flashing lights in the wild hope of finally winning that jackpot.

It may seem outlandish, but researchers say their "rat casino" is potentially paving the way to treat compulsive gamblers of the human kind.

The study, the first of its kind in North America, has rats gambling for sugar pellets using a slot-machine-style device with three flashing light and two levers.

According to the university, the rats exhibited several behaviours associated with human problem gambling, such as treating "near misses" as wins.

The team found that by blocking D4 dopamine receptors in the rats' brains, the animals would be less likely to engage in risky gambling behavior.

Though the research is extremely preliminary, it gives researchers hope that problem gambling in humans can one day be treated with drugs. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Female white rats stand in a basin at an animal laboratory of a medical school in China. CHINA PHOTOS/GETTY IMAGES

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# It's not unusual: PM says paying Duffy's legal fees was no big deal

**You'll find it happens all the time.** Yet Wallin, Brazeau say nobody offered to help them with their expenses

Stephen Harper sees nothing wrong with the Conservative party using taxpayer-subsidized funds to pay disgraced Sen. Mike Duffy's legal expenses, insisting Tuesday there's nothing unusual about it.

"The party regularly reimburses members of its caucus for valid legal expenses, as do other parties," Harper told the House of Commons.

However, it seems the Conservative party didn't extend its largesse to all other senators accused of improperly claiming travel expenses or housing allowances.

Sen. Patrick Brazeau's office said no offer was made to pay his legal expenses. Terrence O'Sullivan, Sen. Pamela Wallin's lawyer, said the same.

"Sen. Wallin has received no assistance with her legal fees — whether before or after she recused herself from the caucus — from the Conservative party or anyone associated with the Conservative party," O'Sullivan said in an email.

All three are under investigation by the RCMP and are facing a government bid to suspend them from the Senate.

The suspension motions were tied in procedural knots Tuesday, making it unlikely they will be voted on before the Conservatives gather Thursday evening for a two-day national convention in Calgary.

Duffy disclosed Monday there were two cheques regarding his allegedly improper expenses: one for $13,560 from Conservative party lawyer Arthur Hamilton to cover his legal expenses, plus the $90,000 from Harper's former chief of staff, Nigel Wright, to enable him to reimburse the Senate.

Harper was grilled repeatedly Tuesday about Duffy's latest bombshell, shrugging off suggestions that Hamilton did anything wrong.

"This individual is not accused of anything," he said in response to a question from NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, who asked whether the prime minister intends to fire Hamilton.

"New Democrats tell us that we should fire or expel people on the flimsiest of allegations without, in some cases, any proof of anything against anybody," Harper said.

"Then when we determine that actions should be taken (against the three senators), the leader of the Opposition stands up and pretends these people are somehow victims of arbitrary actions."

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper answers a question in the House of Commons in Ottawa on Tuesday.
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## Coffee, tea, BTC?

What is being billed as the world's first Bitcoin ATM is seen at a coffee shop in downtown Vancouver. The machine, which was to be unveiled on Tuesday, will allow consumers to exchange cash for the digital currency known as Bitcoins, commonly abbreviated to BTC. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Staterooms. Canada using its foreign embassies for surveillance ops: Report

The national eavesdropping agency is refusing to comment on allegations that it mounts foreign operations through Canada's embassies abroad.

Lauri Sullivan, a spokeswoman for Communications Security Establishment Canada, says the agency does not comment "on our foreign intelligence collection activities or capabilities."

German magazine Der Spiegel says Canada is using diplomatic facilities to support surveillance operations in league with key allies the United States, Britain and Australia.

Word of the Canadian reference came as the NDP unsuccessfully sought support in the House of Commons to create a parliamentary committee that would look into stronger oversight for the intelligence community.

The magazine report published this week cites presentation slides leaked by Edward Snowden, a former contractor with the National Security Agency, CSEC's American counterpart.

One slide indicates the Canadian spy agency hosts "Stateroom" sites — a term for covert signals-intelligence gathering bases hidden in consulates and embassies.

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## Damages. Trucking co. told to pay $150M to girl who watched family die

A jury has determined a trucking company and one of its drivers should pay $150 million in damages to a 13-year-old girl who watched her family burn to death in a fiery crash on a Southern California freeway nearly four years ago.

The verdict was reached Friday after three days of deliberations that found truck driver Rudolph Ortiz was negligent for parking on the side of the freeway in the early-morning darkness without leaving on any light or emergency reflector. Ortiz and his employer, Bhandal Bros. Trucking, were found jointly liable.

Kylie Asam was nine when she and her 11-year-old brother, Blaine, managed to escape from their family's mangled SUV after it struck and got caught under a rig parked on the shoulder of Interstate 210. They saw their parents and older brother get burned alive after the vehicle caught fire.

The verdict included $8.75 million the jury awarded to Blaine, who committed suicide before the trial began.

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'A period of transition'

### 300 more laid off at BlackBerry HQ

Another round of layoffs at BlackBerry's headquarters in Waterloo, Ont., will trim its staff by 300 employees.

The smartphone maker said Tuesday the latest job cuts are included in an announcement from September when the company pledged to reduce its workforce by 40 per cent, or about 4,500 people.

"We are in a period of transition and we must focus on enhancing our financial results to be in a better position to compete in this current mobile environment," company spokeswoman Rebecca Freiburger said in an email. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto

### Elderly couple die in apparent double suicide

An elderly couple in Toronto plunged to their deaths from the balcony of their apartment Tuesday morning in what police believe was a double suicide.

Emergency crews responded to a building at 7:54 a.m., where the man and woman were pronounced dead at the scene.

"I've lived here all my life and we've never had a suicide, or a murder, or anything like this," said Jessica Jarosz, 23.

The coroner has been called in to probe circumstances surrounding their deaths, EMS confirmed.

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# South African white extremists sentenced after decade-long trial

**Boeremag.** Members of radical group given 5 to 35 years for plot to overthrow government, kill Nelson Mandela

White extremists who set off a series of bombs, plotted to overthrow the South African government and kill Nelson Mandela were given jail terms Tuesday, ending the first major treason trial under post-apartheid laws that many hope will deter future radicals.

The sentences for up to 20 defendants between the ages of 32 and 74 ranged from five years to 35 years. Some will be released on suspended sentences, while the leaders will serve the longest terms.

Members of the Afrikaner extremist group Boeremag, or white farmer force, last year were convicted of treason for a plot, in the late 1990s and early 2000, to violently overthrow South Africa's government. The African National Congress formed the country's government when Mandela was elected to office in 1994.

Some members were also convicted of culpable homicide and conspiring to murder for a thwarted plan to kill Mandela. The group claimed responsibility for a series of bombings that killed a woman and caused damage throughout the Johannesburg township of Soweto in 2002.

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Rudi Gouws, a member of Afrikaner extremist group Boeremag, stands in the dock before sentencing proceedings at the High Court in Pretoria, South Africa, Tuesday. A South African court handed members of the white extremist group sentences ranging from five to 35 years in prison for various charges including high treason and murder in the country's first post-apartheid treason trial.

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## Costa Concordia. Woman with captain during crash testifies they were lovers

A Moldovan dancer who had been on the bridge of the Costa Concordia cruise ship when it crashed into a reef off Italy electrified the captain's manslaughter trial Tuesday by testifying that the two were lovers.

Domnica Cemortan, 26, only made the admission after being warned by the judge that she risked criminal charges if she didn't answer the question.

The ship's former captain, Francesco Schettino, is charged with manslaughter for the 32 people who died in the crash, with causing the shipwreck on the night of Jan. 13, 2012, and with abandoning ship while many passengers and crew were still aboard. He faces 20 years in jail if convicted.

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Moscow

### Bolshoi dancer pleads not guilty in acid-attack case

A Bolshoi ballet dancer who is accused of ordering an acid attack on the company's ballet chief pleaded not guilty Tuesday as his trial began in Moscow.

Dancer Pavel Dmitrichenko is suspected of ordering the Jan. 17 attack on ballet artistic director Sergei Filin, which left Filin with severe burns to his face and his eyes, impairing his vision.

Dmitrichenko entered his plea as a Russian judge began hearing the trial into the attack that has exposed a fierce power struggle at the famous Russian theatre.

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# High-end NYC stores accused of profiling

**Stereotypes.** Professor says arrests could be caused by skewed views

Oprah Winfrey GETTY IMAGES FILE

The usual scenario involves suspicious glances, inattentive clerks or rude service — not handcuffs.

Yet when a black teen said he was wrongly jailed after buying a $350 belt at a Manhattan luxury store, it struck a nerve in African-Americans accustomed to finding that their money is not necessarily as good as everyone else's. Shopping while black, they say, can be a humiliating experience.

Much attention has been paid to the issue over the years — Oprah Winfrey complained that a Swiss clerk did not think she could afford a $38,000 handbag, and even President Barack Obama has said he was once followed in stores. But according to shoppers interviewed Monday, many people don't recognize how prevalent retail discrimination is, and how the consistent stream of small insults adds up to a large problem.

"It's one thing if you don't understand. But don't ever tell me it doesn't happen to me," said Natasha Eubanks, who shops often at high-end stores in New York City. "You can't assume it doesn't happen just because it doesn't happen to you."

Sometimes, Eubanks said, it takes clerks more than five minutes to simply acknowledge her presence. Or they brush her off after a token greeting.

She says she has dealt with this type of treatment at least 20 times in New York City.

For Yvonne Chan, the reports were a painful reminder of when she worked in a liquor store in a predominantly white Massachusetts town. Every few months someone would be caught stealing, and about half the time it was a black person.

Chan, a graduate student, always tried to remind herself not to act on stereotypes, but, "Like it or not, I'm going to have a preconceived notion of races from my experiences. As much as I would like to force my brain not to think like that and put everyone on an even playing field, stereotypes play a role in our society ... we skew the view of people as individuals." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# ‘Illegal’ landfill in Sochi violates zero-waste pledge

**Winter Olympics.** Environmentalists claim ‘unauthorized’ waste site could taint city’s water supply

Village leader Alexander Koropov points at rubble and garbage near a quarry close to Akhshtyr village in Sochi, Russia. The landfill outside Sochi, which will soon host the Olympics, is in the middle of a water protection zone where dumping industrial waste is forbidden. DMITRY LOVETSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trucks rumble to the edge of a gigantic pit filled with spray cans, tires and foam sheets and dump a stream of concrete slabs that send up a cloud of limestone dust. Other trucks pile clay on top and a bulldozer mixes everything together in a rudimentary effort to hide the mess. This landfill outside Sochi, which will host the Winter Olympics in 100 days, is smack in the middle of a water protection zone where dumping industrial waste is banned.

As a centrepiece of its Olympic bid, Russia trumpeted a “Zero Waste” program that promised the cleanest games ever, saying it would refrain from dumping construction waste and rely on reusable materials. But on a visit last week to Akhshtyr, just north of Sochi, The Associated Press found that Russia’s state-owned rail monopoly is dumping tons of construction waste into what authorities call an illegal landfill, raising concerns of possible contamination in the water that directly supplies Sochi.

The finding shows how little Russia has done to fulfil its ambitious green pledges. Its $51-billion budget for the Olympics contains no provisions for treating construction waste.

In a letter obtained by the AP, the Environmental Protection Agency in the area where Sochi is located told the Black Sea resort’s environment council in late August that it had inspected the Akhshtyr landfill and found “unauthorized dumping of construction waste as well as soil from excavation works.” The agency said it fined Russian Railways, whose Sochi project costs billions of dollars, $3,000 for the dumping. It didn’t order the dump closed.

The EPA’s Sochi representative visited the site earlier this month and insisted it was being cleaned up, villagers and activists who were present at that meeting said. The agency was unavailable for comment this week.

The main health concern surrounding the landfill is to the water supply.

Authorities confirm that Russian Railways operates the Akhshtyr dump without a licence — but it wouldn’t be able to obtain one even if it tried. That’s because the village lies in an area where dumping construction waste and soil is forbidden under the Russian Water Code. Moisture from the landfill seeps through porous karst rocks into underground springs that feed the nearby Mzymta River, which provides up to half the water supply in Sochi. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Angry allies

## Intelligence official defends spying

The top U.S. intelligence director on Tuesday defended spying on foreign allies as necessary and said such scrutiny of America’s friends — and vice versa — is commonplace. Another official said the collection of phone records that prompted outrage across the Atlantic actually was conducted with the help of European governments.

Top intelligence officials testified that news reports that the National Security Agency had swept up millions of phone records in France, Spain and elsewhere were inaccurate and reflected a misunderstanding of “metadata” that was in fact collected by NATO allies and shared with the United States.

The nation’s post-Sept. 11, 2001, surveillance programs are coming under increasing criticism at home and abroad, capped by recent revelations that the NSA monitored German Chancellor Angela Merkel’s cellphone and those of up to 34 other world leaders.

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# Ouch! Banksy disses our architecture in rejected World Trade Center op-ed

Street graffiti artist Banksy caused an uproar in the blogosphere on Monday when he wrote that the new World Trade Center is so bland, "it looks like something they would build in Canada."

He also shocked residents in New York by stating that the building is such a disaster that everyone who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, could view this as a betrayal and an indication that "the terrorists won."

A posting on Banksy's website says the comments were contained in an op-ed piece he submitted to the New York Times and that the newspaper refused to print it.

Eileen Murphy, spokesperson for the New York Times, told the Metro newspaper in New York that "He did submit an op-ed and art. We couldn't agree on either the piece or the art, so we rejected it."

Murphy added, "What he has posted on his site is not exactly the same as what he submitted."

Banksy wrote the new World Trade Center is "like something they would build in Canada." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

However, United Kingdom-based Banksy posted the piece on his website, imagining how it would look with a mock-up of the New York Times's distinctive type and logo. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Department store wars. Sears shuts flagship shop; Nordstrom may move in

A new round of store closures by Sears Canada, which includes its flagship location in Toronto's Eaton Centre, has raised questions about the company's turnaround strategy and which American retailer will claim that coveted spot.

Sears said Tuesday it was selling the leases on five department stores, in a $400 million deal, which comes as the company pushes ahead with a broader effort to revamp its operations that will also see about 1,200 employees lose their jobs.

The transactions amount to the biggest sale of leases since the company began to shed assets and cut jobs in an effort to revitalize its struggling operations amid intense competition.

Under the agreements, store leases for Sears locations at Sherway Gardens in Toronto, the Markville Shopping Centre in Markham, Ont., London-Masonville Place in London, Ont. and Richmond Centre in Richmond, B.C. will also be sold back to mall operator Cadillac Fairview and its partners.

**Richmond, B.C.**

**The Richmond Centre is among the five Sears stores being sold back to mall operator Cadillac Fairview.**

The decision by Sears to exit the Eaton Centre is especially notable because it's one of the company's most visible Canadian stores, located in a central tourist area.

Some of Sears' previously-divested locations have already been picked up by U.S. high-end retailer Nordstrom, which used them to launch its first stores in Canada. That has prompted speculation that Nordstrom may also be eyeing the Eaton Centre or Sherway stores, which are seen as prime real estate for retailers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Lesson learned**

## Team USA's clothing made in the U.S. this time

Team USA will now wear the Made in the USA label. Every article of clothing made by Ralph Lauren for the U.S. Winter Olympic athletes in Sochi, including their opening and closing ceremony uniforms and their Olympic Village gear, has been made by domestic craftsman and manufacturers.

During the 2012 games in London, it was a flashpoint in the media and among Washington politicians that much of the U.S. apparel was made overseas, especially in China. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Apple co-founder**

## Boyhood home of Steve Jobs now historic property

The Silicon Valley home where Apple co-founder Steve Jobs grew up and built some of his first computers is now on the city's list of historic properties.

The historical commission in Los Altos, Calif., voted unanimously for the historic designation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Market Minute**

**DOLLAR** 95.51¢ (-0.23¢)

**TSX** 13,440.61 (+68.77)

**OIL** $98.20 US (-48¢)

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JUST SAYIN'

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Gather round, children and I will tell you a very scary story.

Come closer to the fire — it is cold and dark all around us and these … revelations … will make your skin crawl.

A new poll from Insights West shows that British Columbians are haunted by ghosts and spirits.

Sixty per cent believe in the afterlife and 48 per cent believe in ghosts. And if that's not spooky enough, 54 per cent believe in angels while 37 per cent believe in the devil.

Nearly 20 per cent claim to have been haunted. And we're not talking about what they did at last night's Halloween party.

If you think British Columbians are just whacked out on B.C. bud, that could be. But this poll is not so different from other surveys, including a recent one by the Huffington Post in which 64 per cent believed in the afterlife and 45 per cent in ghosts. A just-published U.K. survey found that an even higher number of Brits, 52 per cent of those polled, believe in ghosts. That could be explained by the fact that the poll was taken by the "Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena (ASSAP)." ASSAP president Lionel Fanthorpe believes that King Arthur was an alien who came to Earth to save us from other alien invaders.

Monty Python lives.

Despite the overwhelming evidence, I'm having trouble convincing myself that every second person reading this column really believes in ghosts. Not to mention the 60-plus per cent who believe in angels, or the one in four who dance with the devil.

Of course, there is not a single shred of scientific evidence supporting these beliefs. The Higgs boson, that elusive elementary particle, may have been an article of faith among physicists for more than a century. But now that there's data confirming its existence, we can believe in it. The jury is still (and always will be) out on the ghost of Uncle Harry.

Apparently, we haven't advanced much beyond the Dark Ages when everyone was addled by spirits and ghosts, angels and devils. In fact, you could make a convincing argument that at least half of us are still comfortably ensconced in the sixth century. Well, maybe not so comfortable. The castle is drafty and this wool jerkin itches like the, um, devil.

All this mumbo jumbo persists despite modern detecting equipment that can listen to the background hum of the big bang, find a galaxy more than 13 billion light years away, and track the path of an electron. There's nothing there, people. No ghosts, no angels, no alien Arthurians.

Of course, nothing I say will make any difference. People are more likely to believe in Beelzebub than in common sense. Common sense is no fun.

But I'll tell you one little secret, children. Trolls are real. Just check out the comment trail on this column in a couple of days if you don't believe me. Bwa-ha-ha.

ZOOM

# Superstorm Sandy, 1 year later

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## N.Y. marks triumph over damage done

Tom Hammill places an American flag at a building site in the Breezy Point neighbourhood in the Queens borough of New York on Tuesday, a year after Superstorm Sandy struck. A firestorm spread across the beachfront neighbourhood during the storm, burning more than 100 homes, including Hammill's. Behind him are homes that are being rebuilt.

To mark Tuesday's anniversary, residents of coastal neighbourhoods in New York and New Jersey that suffered some of the worst flooding are honouring that terrible day in ways both public and private.

On Staten Island, residents will light candles by the stretch of waterfront closest to their homes at 7:45 p.m. in a "Light the Shore" vigil. Along the Jersey Shore, people plan to shine flashlights in a symbolic triumph over the darkness that Sandy brought.

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**One of the worst storms**

- The storm was blamed for at least 181 deaths in the U.S. — including 68 in New York and 71 in New Jersey.
- In New York City the storm surge hit nearly 14 feet, swamping the city's subway.

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**Braingasm, despite the obnoxious nickname, is not the latest sex toy or coital craze, but a real* phenomenon taking over YouTube channels, sub-Reddits and radio stations across the web. Despite relatively few people actually having Autonomous Sensory Meridian Response, the sound-induced tingles that start in your head and slither down your spine, ASMR has made its mark online. For those who don't have it — and if you have to wonder, you don't — watching videos of pretty girls whisper as they caress hair brush bristles might make you feel like a creep. But, hey, at least now you'll know what everyone's talking about.**

*Debatable. Science is still trying to figure it all out

**GentleWhispering:**
While not necessarily the Original Gangsta of ASMR, GentleWhispering is one of the most prolific. The blond, Eastern European whisperer has racked up more than 3.5 million views on one video alone.

**Reddit:**
r/ASMR is a safe for work hub of ASMR videos and discussion.

Note, redditors are not to post ASMR-like videos, so keep the music videos, Songza playlists (yes, there is an ASMR Songza list, which does not impress the ASMR purists) and the like off the boards.

**Asmr.fm:**
Community of ASMRers and ASMR'tists to share a wide range (hint, hint) of ASMR videos.

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In Focus

## McAdams' career in a temporal loop

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When British author H.G. Wells created the term "time machine" way back in 1895, he could never have imagined the lasting impact his ideas of fourth dimension travel would have on the career of Rachel McAdams.

His book, The Time Machine, has been filmed twice for the big screen, but the ideas of shifting ripples of time have also inspired three very different movies starring the London, Ont., born actress.

This weekend she co-stars with Domhnall Gleeson and Bill Nighy in About Time as the present day girlfriend of a 21-year-old who uses his ability to switch time zones to learn information to woo her.

"I know I have a little bit of time travel in my past but this is different," McAdams says. "The element of time travel thrown in was unique and quirky and dealt with lightly."

Previously the Mean Girls star appeared as Clare Abshire in The Time Traveler's Wife, starring opposite Eric Bana playing a Chicago librarian with a genetic disorder known as Chrono-Displacement that causes him to involuntarily travel through time.

From the outset their relationship is a strange one. When they first meet she has known him since she was six years old, but because his syndrome flips him to random times in his life on an ever shifting timeline he is always meeting her for the first time. Confused? Not as confused as Clare, who tries to build a life with Henry even though his ailment keeps them apart.

Based on a best-selling novel, it's a three-hankie story about love with no boundaries and how romance can transcend everything, even death.

In Woody Allen's Midnight in Paris it's Owen Wilson who jumps through time — finding himself transported back to 1920s Paris and hanging with F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald (Tom Hiddleston and Alison Pill), seeing Cole Porter sing at a party, drinking with Hemmingway — while McAdams stays put, bringing him back to reality, as his irritating present-day fiancée Inez.

But what about actual time travel? When she was asked by AOL if there was anything she would go back in time and change in real life, McAdams said, "I was a figure skater, so I would take back a lot of fashion choices on the ice. A lot of sequins. I would pull back on the sequins a little bit and maybe less blue eye shadow."

# Arcade Fire's Haiti-inspired fourth album their most ambitious to date

**New music.** The highly anticipated disc from the musical innovators doesn't disappoint as the quality is only matched by the ambition of the effort

William Butler and Arcade Fire's new album Reflektor was recently released. ERIC KANYE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It was spring 2011 when Arcade Fire — months from a stunning Grammy Award win for album of the year, which pretty much certified the Montreal band had climbed to the highest of rock's craggy peaks — went down to Haiti and got upstaged.

They were in Cange, a lush remote village positioned on the edge of Lake Peligre. They were there primarily to visit sites where Partners in Health was working to help in the aftermath of 2010's catastrophic earthquake. But they also played a couple shows — mostly tossing off cover songs — as an opener for the rasin (Haitian roots music) band Ram.

And those spirited gigs had a profound effect.

"We played and it was really fun," multi-instrumentalist Will Butler recalls in a recent telephone interview. "And then Ram came out and played and everyone came out and danced and it was this massive party. And it was out of control and amazing — not like, out of control like someone on coke was stabbing someone in the eye with a pen or anything. But out of control like six-year-olds and 95-year-olds were dancing and old ladies on crutches and stuff.

"It was just a real town-wide celebration. And we were like, 'Oh, it would be nice to be able to go to rural Haiti and play a show that people would really dance to.'

"That definitely set a challenge for us, which we took up on some of the songs," he added. "I want to be able to play this for a roomful of strangers in a different country, who have never heard Arcade Fire, and just have them dance to it."

And so the seeds were planted for Reflektor, the indie innovators' rather transformative, sprawling fourth disc that hit stores yesterday.

In particular, the trip triggered an interest in exploring traditional Haitian rhythms. They listened closely to a range of their rhythms, tasking the drummers with weaving their styles with the propulsive percussion work of New Order's Age of Consent, for instance, or analyzing the different way fills are dispensed.

The scope of what they tried to tackle on Reflektor is hardly surprising — outsized ambition might have always been Arcade Fire's distinguishing quality.

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The Jonas Brothers. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## The Jonas Brothers confirm break-up rumours

The Jonas Brothers have officially broken up — as a band, not a family — just three weeks after canceling their fall tour due to "a deep rift within the band," the guys announced this week.

"It's over for now," says oldest brother Kevin.

Youngest brother Nick apparently voiced some concerns about the group's future, prompting the discussion that led to the break-up.

"I was feeling kind of trapped," he tells People magazine. "I needed to share my heart with my brothers."

But middle brother Joe says Nick wasn't alone in those feelings. "It was a unanimous decision."

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The Word

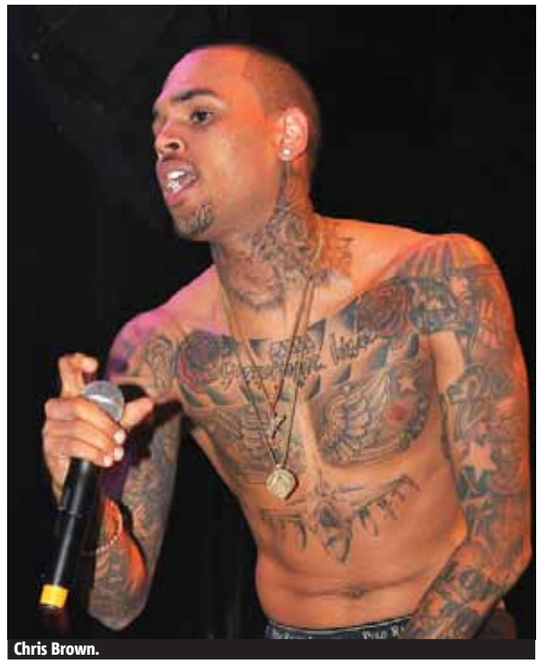
## *Not a movie: Mr. and Mrs. Smith at war once again*

Rumours of marital trouble for Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith are cropping up again, with sources telling Radar Online that the stars are living separate lives — and haven't appeared in public together since August. Smith has been in New Orleans for work since mid-September and is expected to be there through next month, while Pinkett Smith has reportedly moved out of the family's home and is living with her brother, Caleb, in Calabasas, California.

Pinkett Smith seemed to be venting a bit at a recent charity event in Baltimore, telling the audience, "When you are going through a storm with your spouse … stop thinking about what you 'believe' a husband or wife should be," according to an attendee.

"I thought success would make me happy. It does not."

When asked about the rumored trouble, Will's mother, Carolyn Smith, told the website, "Isn't that personal? Thank you for your concern."



Chris Brown.

## Brown catches a courtroom break

Chris Brown got at least a little good news during his most recent courtroom visit, as a Washington, D.C., judge reduced the felony assault charge against the singer for allegedly punching a man outside a hotel this weekend to a misdemeanor, according to TMZ.

Brown was released from custody and is scheduled to return for a hearing on Nov. 25.

Derek Hough.

## Derek Hough defends his sister

Dancing with the Stars regular Derek Hough is sticking up for his younger sister, Julianne Hough, after her eyebrow-raising decision to don blackface for Halloween, saying she is "mortified" at the backlash.

"She's so apologetic," he tells E! News. "She is just beside herself. Obviously it wasn't her brightest moment in her life, but hopefully we can move on."

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Magens Bay is one of the top beaches in the Caribbean, with beautiful sand and a protected swimming area. Nice bar, too. ALL PHOTOS: JIM BYERS/METRO

# Wanna soak up the sun?

**Paradise.** St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands isn't too popular with Canucks — but with its offerings, it should be

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This part of the Caribbean doesn't get much attention from Canadians. But it's a fabulous destination with great holiday options.

### Doing

You can reach gorgeous Magens Bay beach in less than 10 minutes from the cruise harbour. It's a long stretch nestled at the end of a deep, protected cove. Great for swimming and decent for snorkelling. Charlotte Amalie is a wild shopping town for duty free goods, with peddlers out front of jewelry shops and rum bars jostling for sun-baked tourists. Some shops allow you to bargain. Pretty shops like Laksa sell hand-made jewellery in shops along the cool alleyways in town; much more fun than the joints on Main St.

Tour the hillside Blackbeard's Castle complex, which features gardens and a small fort-like building called the Sky Tower that dates to 1679. Haagensen House is not only a beauty to tour but is home to a few prints of impressionist master Camille Pisarro, who was born and raised here. Coral World features aquariums, a touch pond where kids can feel a starfish and a snuba service, where you can swim underwater for long periods with a breathing tube attached to an air tank on the surface; like scuba without the tank on your back.

### Sleeping

Blackbeards Castle is a comfortable, low-key spot with great views of Charlotte Amalie's harbour and its multitude of islands. Rooms go from as little as $98 a night, including a continental breakfast, free Wi-Fi and free tours of the Blackbeards Castle complex. All rooms have refrigerators and there's a pool on-site. The nearby Hotel 1829 is fun and a little closer to town but is currently undergoing renovations. Want something a bit more upscale? There's a lovely Ritz Carlton on a 30-acre piece of property in the east end, near the cruise terminal for trips to fabulous St. John. Rooms in November recently listed from $459 a night.

### Dining

Just off Main Street, also known as Dronnigens Gade from the days when this was Danish territory, you'll find the superb Gladys Café. Brilliantly coloured local artwork rests on exposed stone walls of a 300-year-old building. The fresh passion fruit juice is amazing and they also serve jerked fish and fine curries. Sample one of the homemade hot sauces and buy a bottle to bring home. The restaurant A Room With a View is in the pretty Bluebeard's Castle hotel complex (so many pirates, so many castles) high on a hill, offering great food and a romantic setting with awesome harbour views.

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Use fresh, different colour large tortillas for this recipe.

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Want to make these in advance? Roast the asparagus and immediately chill to stop the cooking process. They can be prepared up to a day ahead if wrapped well in plastic wrap and chilled. They're great for a large group of people.

**1.** Preheat the oven to 425 F (220 C). Place the asparagus on a baking sheet sprayed with vegetable oil. Bake for 8 minutes or just until bright green.

**2.** In a food processor, or in a bowl using an electric mixer, beat the ricotta, cream cheese, mayonnaise, green onions, lemon juice, garlic, and salt and pepper until smooth.

**3.** Spread cheese mixture evenly over the tortillas. Scatter the spinach leaves overtop. Place the smoked salmon on top of the spinach. Place 2 spears of the asparagus near the bottom of each tortilla. Roll up tightly, wrap in plastic wrap, and chill.

**4.** Cut each tortilla on the diagonal into 6 pieces.

Smoked Salmon and Roasted Asparagus Tortilla Bites

This recipe makes 18 servings. ROSE REISMAN

**Ingredients**

- 6 medium-thick spears of asparagus
- 1/2 cup light (5%) ricotta cheese
- 1/4 cup softened light (25% reduced) cream cheese
- 1 tbsp light mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp chopped green onions
- 2 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp minced garlic
- pinch of salt and pepper
- 3 large flour tortillas
- 1 cup baby spinach leaves
- 3 oz sliced smoked salmon

**Drink of the Week**

## Avocado Mezcal Cocktail

- 1 avocado from Mexico, halved, pitted and peeled
- 6 oz (175 ml) white mezcal
- 6 oz (175 ml) lime juice
- 4 oz (125 ml) light agave nectar
- 3 oz (90 ml) Midori
- 2 oz (60 ml) Cointrea
- 2 cups (500 ml) ice
- Garnish: Junior Merino's Cactus & Lemongrass Rimmer and avocado wedges

In a blender, combine all ingredients, except ice. Whirl until combined. Add 2 cups (500 ml) of ice and blend until smooth.

Serve in a glass rimmed with Junior Merino's Cactus & Lemongrass Rimmer.

Garnish with avocado wedge pressed in Junior Merino's Hibiscus Rose Rimmer.

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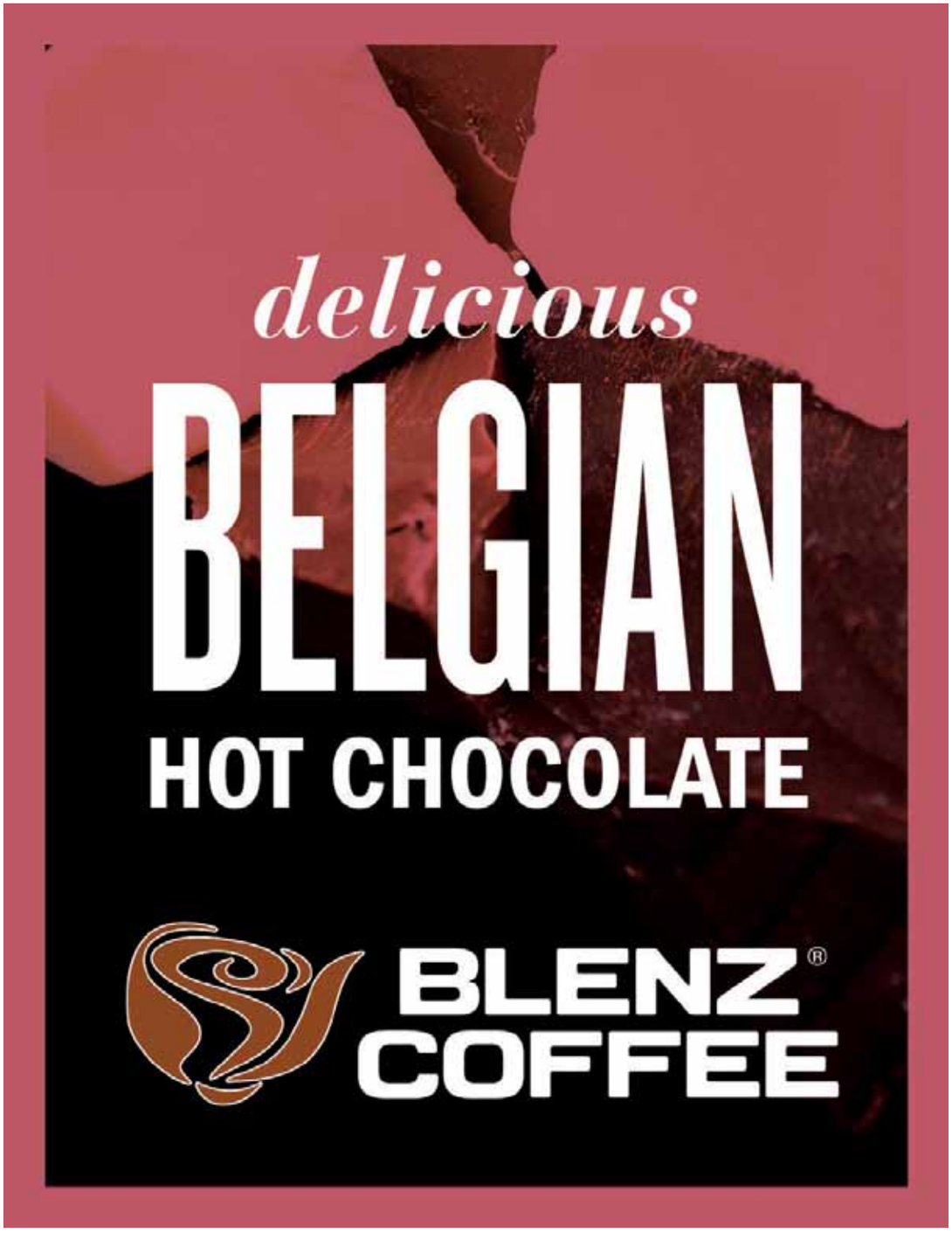

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Variety is one of the most remarkable qualities offered by careers choices in the oil and gas industry.

There's something for everyone, whether you're beginning your first career or starting a new one. With opportunities for work indoors and outdoors, physical and creative tasks, and even detailed or big-picture work, the oil and gas industry can accommodate every disposition and personality.

Besides variety, there's also opportunity. Petroleum products play a central part in the average person's daily life, which means strong and steady growth in the oil and gas industry is a sure thing.

A little research into the oil and gas industry confirms that the people are what make it all possible.

### The big picture

Many roles in the oilsands workforce involve work in the field.

According to the latest report by the Petroleum Human Resources Council, one of the most in-demand positions in the oil and gas industry over the next decade will be the power engineer role, responsible for the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of industrial equipment of in-situ and upgrading operations.

Positions for heavy equipment operators and heavy-duty equipment mechanics (who maintain and repair engines and engine support systems) will also be quite popular.

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### A real lifestyle

The oil and gas industry also accommodates a variety of lifestyles. While many positions involve working outdoors, that doesn't mean you'll be leaving all indoor comforts behind. When oil and gas extraction sites are found in remote areas, most workers reside in camps set apart from work locations. A number of these offer gym amenities, coffee shops, satellite television and internet.

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# Oh the places you'll go in this profession

Would you consider a career in oil and gas? With high demand and growth potential, a career in oil and gas has a lot to offer. Here's a quick introduction to some of the most in-demand jobs in the oil and gas industry:

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## Petroleum Engineer

Petroleum engineers apply a diverse mix of knowledge from fields including geology, chemistry and engineering sciences in order to extract petroleum. A petroleum engineer could also be called a design engineer, engineer, oil and gas engineer, production engineer or up-stream processing engineer. Specialties range from oil and gas drilling to areas with a specific focus on reservoir management and production.

**What are the education and experience requirements?**

- Degree in petroleum engineering or a related field.
- Minimum of four years post-secondary education or training (co-op programs usually take five years to complete, but offer an experience advantage).
- Registered petroleum engineer under provincial requirements.

## Geophysicist

Geophysicists use physics, math and geology to dig into how the earth is put together. They explore oil, gas, water and minerals using data processing, data interpretation and data selection methods.

Geophysicists work in the same family of geoscientists as geologists, often dividing their time between office and field work.

A geophysicist may also be called an Environmental Geophysicist, Exploration Geophysicist, Mining Geophysicist, Petroleum Exploration Geophysicist or Physical Scientist.

**What are the education and experience requirements?**

- Four years post-secondary education and training.
- Bachelor of Science degree in geophysics or a related science with courses in geophysics, electronics, physics, chemistry, geology, mathematics or computer science.
- Roles in research require a doctorate.

## Trades

Skilled trades professionals working in oil and gas are responsible for various manual labour tasks.

Since these tasks are essential to every project, skilled trades professionals work in a variety of environments. There are ,ore than 200 trades occupations related to a career in the oil and gas industry!

**What are the education and experience requirements?**

- Educational requirements depend on the province.
- High school diploma recommended.
- Certified Journeyperson status.

In-demand areas of trade specialization: Crane operators, heavy-duty equipment mechanics or technicians, industrial electricians, industrial instrument mechanics, industrial mechanics and millwrights, insulators, machinists, rig technicians, steamfitters and pipefitters, welders.

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Metro World News

Was cramming for this exam the best way to go? ISTOCK

Developmental psychologist Donald J. Foss has been studying the mental gymnastics of learning comprehension for more than three decades. His latest book — Your Complete Guide to College Success: How to Study Smart, Achieve Your Goals, and Enjoy Campus Life — is an attempt to put accepted psychological research on learning into plain language for every post-secondary student. We asked him for his insight on learning styles, study habits and slogging through obstacles.

**What's the biggest misconception students have about studying?**

If there's one thing we know about studying, it's that comprehension increases when you break it up over a long period of time. The best way to retain information is to study in small chunks, interwoven with other tasks. Yet, students are usually resistant to that idea. They don't like continually warming up to the topic. Most people would rather learn in one long sitting.

**When it comes to studying, are there different learning styles?**

Yes. But I think that's overemphasized. You hear a lot students say, 'The material isn't being presented in my learning style.' And that may be true, but that's not a very good predictor of how students do in any given class. It's pretty clear there are some best practices that seem to work for just about every style of learning.

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| **Certified dental assistant** Wednesday, Nov. 6, 5 p.m. – room 501 | Downtown |
| **Dental technology** Thursday, Oct. 31, 1 p.m. – room 332 | Downtown |
| **Dental reception coordinator** Wednesday, Nov. 6, 5 p.m. – room 501 | Downtown |
| **Hair design & Skin and body therapy** Wednesday, Nov. 6, 4:30 p.m. – room 201 | Downtown |
| **Transportation trades** Tuesday, Nov. 5, 11 a.m. – lobby, building B | Broadway |

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# Inconsistency killed the Whitecaps coach

**MLS.** Inability to put together full season of strong play costs Rennie his job in Vancouver

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Back-to-back late-season collapses, the second of which resulting in the Vancouver Whitecaps missing the MLS Cup playoffs, sealed Martin Rennie's fate.

The Whitecaps announced Tuesday that the club would not renew Rennie's contract through 2013, ending his tenure as the club's head coach following just two seasons.

"The rationale behind the decision is the inconsistency," said Whitecaps president Bob Lenarduzzi.

"If we look back over the two years, we had relatively good starts and in each of those seasons we seemed to tail off, which obviously, in the first year we were able to survive that and make the playoffs but in the second year, we weren't able to do so.

"The ups and downs, the inconsistency ... are something that we believe that we need to address."

Rennie was informed of the club's decision Tuesday morning, even though reports the Whitecaps had parted ways with the affable Scottish coach began circulating Monday evening.

Over two years, Rennie accrued a record of 24-25-19.

In 2012, the Whitecaps backed into the playoffs, despite their swoon. This year, in a considerably stronger Western Conference, the Whitecaps fell apart toward the end of July and could not recover enough to qualify for the post-season.

They won just four games after July 14, and the fourth victory came in the season finale with the Whitecaps no longer in playoff contention.

Whitecaps president Bob Lenarduzzi speaks to reporters during a press conference where he announced the firing of coach Martin Rennie. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Martin Rennie lasted two MLS seasons as coach in Vancouver.
DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

They also missed out on the Amway Canadian Championship.

"We have benchmarks. Making the playoffs, winning the Amway Cup are benchmarks for us. We haven't been able to achieve that," said Lenarduzzi

Lenarduzzi reiterated that the search for a new coach will begin immediately, however, there is no timeline for a new hire.

He added the club has not spoken to any coaching candidates, although MLS experience remains one of the important qualifications for a new hire.

"It's something that we will factor into the equation for sure, but I don't want to suggest that's the sole determiner," said Lenarduzzi.

NHL

## Streaking Kessel leads Leafs to win in Edmonton

Phil Kessel had two goals and two assists on Tuesday as the Toronto Maple Leafs won their second game in a row, defeating the Edmonton Oilers 4-0.

James van Riemsdyk and Nazem Kadri also scored for the Maple Leafs (9-4-0) who have won three of their last four to take over sole possession of first place in the Atlantic Division, moving ahead of the Tampa Bay Lightning. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA

## Heat best Bulls to open season

LeBron James scored 17 points, Shane Battier made all four of his three-point tries, and the Miami Heat took control with 17 straight second-quarter points on the way to spoiling Derrick Rose's return and beating the Chicago Bulls 107-95 on Tuesday's opening night.
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NCAA

## Wiggins a bit wobbly in debut

Top prospect Andrew Wiggins scored 16 points in his Allen Fieldhouse debut, leading Kansas to a 97-57 rout of Pittsburg State in its exhibition opener Tuesday night. Wiggins, who many believe will be the No. 1 pick in the 2014 NBA draft, got off to an inauspicious start for the Jayhawks when he travelled the first time he touched the ball. The Thornhill, Ont., native appeared jittery before getting into a rhythm.
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# Luongo standing tall in fall for Canucks

Roberto Luongo celebrates with Chris Tanev and Henrik Sedin after Monday's 3-2 win over the Capitals.
GETTY IMAGES

Roberto Luongo's October curse may be lifting.

A notoriously slow starter, the Canucks goalie is on pace for his best October record since his first season in Vancouver.

He currently holds a 7-3-1 record through 11 games, but concedes other statistics aren't where he'd like them to be. His goals-against sits at 2.50, which ranks 15th among NHL goalies, and his save percentage is .908, at 24th.

"It's been OK, I guess. Can I be better? Yeah, for sure. No doubt about that," said Luongo two days ago.

It's helped that the team in front of him has, for the most part, bought into head coach John Tortorella's new system, which relies heavily on shot-blocking in the defensive end.

But there is nothing quite like being tasked with trying to stop Capitals' star Alex Ovechkin on a penalty shot just 1:19 into a game, which Luongo did in Vancouver's 3-2 win Monday.

On hand to witness it was Detroit Red Wings coach Mike Babcock and general manager Ken Holland. The Canucks host the Red Wings on Wednesday.

Babcock is also the coach of Canada's men's Olympic team, while Holland is part of its management group.

With the calendar soon flipping to November, is the Canucks' goalie thinking about the impending Olympic roster announcement from Hockey Canada?

"You can't think ahead. If you start getting distracted by things like that, it's going to take away from your game," said Luongo, who backstopped Canada to Olympic gold in 2010.
CAM TUCKER/METRO

# Travelling hard road early paves smooth road later for Canucks

Daniel Sedin is congratulated by teammates after scoring a goal on Capitals goalie Michal Neuvirth on Monday night at Rogers Arena. The Canucks have fared well in a busy month of October. RICH LAM/GETTY IMAGES

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Fans would have forgiven the Canucks had they laid a funky one against the Capitals Monday night. After all, it was their first game at home in more than two weeks, and they'd just returned from a seven-game swing in which they went 5-1-1, bringing back 11 of 14 possible points. Instead, Vancouver brought their recent road-warrior ways with them to Rogers Arena, outshot Washington 41-19 in a 3-2 win and sent fans home with that sweet smell of victory.

An October road trip, if it doesn't go well, can be the death knell for a team, digging a hole that it spends the remainder of the season trying to climb out of (see: New York Rangers). Not so for coach John Tortorella and Co. Aside from the stinker they dropped in Columbus, the Canucks looked sharp throughout their eastern excursion and have set themselves up for a successful season, if they can take advantage of it.

Sure, three of their five wins came against a few early season doormats (Philadelphia, Buffalo and New Jersey), but those are the games good teams don't let slip away. And Vancouver did display some resiliency by winning a pair of games in overtime against the Islanders and Blues after blowing third-period leads.

Vancouver has now played nine games on the road, tied for tops in the NHL with the Rangers and Oilers. And after Wednesday's game against Detroit, the Canucks will have played 15 games in October, the most of any team in the league. Averaging a game every other day is undoubtedly draining, but the Canucks got the most gruelling part of their schedule out of the way early, and successfully so, when their legs were freshest and the lineup was, for the most part, healthy. (They'll also play 15 games in January, but only seven are on the road and no more than three in a row.)

By banking so many points so early, and doing it the hard way, Vancouver has set itself up to cash in the benefits later in the season when other teams are playing catch-up in the road-games and games-played categories. Home ice has been sweet to the Canucks in recent years, so by hitting the road early and completing nearly 20 per cent of their season right off the hop, they've given themselves a head start on the rest of the league.

Of course, they still have to play the games, but the prospects for the Canucks in 2013-14 are smelling like roses.

## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

**ATLANTIC DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Toronto | 13 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 44 | 30 | 18 |
| Tampa Bay | 12 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 40 | 33 | 16 |
| Montreal | 13 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 37 | 23 | 16 |
| Boston | 10 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 30 | 17 | 14 |
| Detroit | 12 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 27 | 33 | 14 |
| Ottawa | 12 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 35 | 38 | 10 |
| Florida | 12 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 26 | 42 | 8 |
| Buffalo | 14 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 23 | 41 | 5 |

**METROPOLITAN DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pittsburgh | 12 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 38 | 29 | 16 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 12 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 37 | 39 | 11 |
| Carolina | 12 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 26 | 36 | 11 |
| Columbus | 11 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 31 | 29 | 10 |
| Washington | 12 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 34 | 38 | 10 |
| New Jersey | 12 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 26 | 37 | 10 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 11 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 18 | 37 | 8 |
| Philadelphia | 11 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 20 | 30 | 6 |

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

**CENTRAL DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Colorado | 11 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 35 | 16 | 20 |
| Chicago | 13 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 45 | 38 | 19 |
| St. Louis | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 38 | 25 | 16 |
| Minnesota | 13 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 30 | 31 | 15 |
| Nashville | 12 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 23 | 32 | 13 |
| Winnipeg | 14 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 34 | 40 | 12 |
| Dallas | 12 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 31 | 36 | 11 |

**PACIFIC DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Jose | 12 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 48 | 20 | 21 |
| Anaheim | 13 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 42 | 33 | 20 |
| Vancouver | 14 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 41 | 39 | 19 |
| Los Angeles | 12 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 35 | 30 | 16 |
| Phoenix | 12 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 40 | 39 | 16 |
| Calgary | 11 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 34 | 39 | 12 |
| Edmonton | 14 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 36 | 54 | 8 |

**Note:** Two points for a win, one point for an overtime/shootout loss.

**Tuesday's results**
Anaheim 3 Philadelphia 2
Chicago 6 Ottawa 5
Montreal 2 Dallas 1
New Jersey 2 Tampa Bay 1
N.Y. Rangers 3 N.Y. Islanders 2
St. Louis 3 Winnipeg 2
Toronto 4 Edmonton 0
Los Angeles at Phoenix
**Monday's results**
Chicago 5 Minnesota 1
Dallas 4 Buffalo 3
Montreal 2 N.Y. Rangers 0
Pittsburgh 3 Carolina 1
Vancouver 3 Washington 2
**Wednesday's games**
**All Times Eastern**
Toronto at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Boston at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

## NBA

### REGULAR SEASON

**Tuesday's results**
Indiana 97 Orlando 87
Miami 107 Chicago 95
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers
**Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern**
Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Houston, 8 p.m.
Indiana at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Utah, 9 p.m.
Portland at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

## MLS

### PLAYOFFS

**KNOCKOUT ROUND**
**(single-game elimination)**
**WESTERN CONFERENCE**
**Wednesday's game — All Times Eastern**
Colorado at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**
**Thursday's game**
Montreal at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

## CFL

### WEEK 19

**EAST DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | T | PF | PA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-Toronto | 17 | 11 | 6 | 0 | 487 | 435 | 22 |
| x-Hamilton | 17 | 9 | 8 | 0 | 416 | 461 | 18 |
| x-Montreal | 17 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 436 | 451 | 14 |
| Winnipeg | 17 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 354 | 548 | 6 |

**WEST DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | T | PF | PA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-Calgary | 17 | 14 | 3 | 0 | 542 | 387 | 28 |
| x-Saskatchewan | 17 | 11 | 6 | 0 | 493 | 368 | 22 |
| x-B.C. | 17 | 10 | 7 | 0 | 478 | 454 | 20 |
| Edmonton | 17 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 391 | 493 | 6 |

**x** — clinched playoff berth.
**y** — clinched division.
**Friday's games — All Times Eastern**
Montreal at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Calgary at B.C., 10 p.m.
**Saturday's games**
Hamilton at Winnipeg, 2 p.m.
Edmonton at Saskatchewan, 5 p.m.
**(End of Regular Season)**

## NFL

### WEEK NINE

**Thursday's game — All Times Eastern**
Cincinnati at Miami, 8:25 p.m.
**Sunday, November 3**
New Orleans at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Washington, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New England, 4:25 p.m.
Baltimore at Cleveland, 4:25 p.m.
Indianapolis at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
**Monday, November 4**
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# The 2014 Kia Forte

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**2014 Kia Forte**

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive mid-size sedan
- **Engines (hp).** 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (173); 1.6-litre DOHC I4, (201)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual (std.1.6); six-speed automatic (std. 2.0, opt. 1.6)
- **Base price (incl. destination)** $21,500

**Design**

Kia's design team, headed by ace shape-maker Peter Schreyer, has added to the wagon's aggressive nature by reducing the rear body overhang several centimetres, while pushing the left and right wheels as far apart as possible. The overall effect is that of an attractive Euro-style sport wagon.

**Luxury class extras**

In addition to the more commonplace power-operated sunroof and touch-screen navigation system, you can order leather-covered seats with front and rear cooling and ventilation, a 10-way power driver's seat with memory presets, a heated steering wheel and high-intensity discharge headlights.

## **Review.** Quality Korean export goes way beyond simply being practical

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Small cars such as the Kia Forte are at their best when they are shaped in the most practical body style possible. Not everyone subscribes to this postulation, which is why Kia and other automakers make sedan as well as hatchback or wagon versions of their compact automobiles.

For maximizing a minimal amount of space, especially with the rear seats folded down, the Kia Forte5 can literally work wonders by providing more passenger and cargo room than its sedan relation.

The front-wheel-drive compact wagon also does it with more style, beginning with the front end where an aggressive-looking open-mouth nosepiece replaces the Forte sedan's more traditional grille, which is different again from the 2014 Forte Koup.

As well, the wagon has been given a suspension setup that's tuned for sportier handling.

The Forte5's interior isn't quite as dramatic, but at least the dashboard and control panel appear intelligently laid-out, including large and easy-to-read gauges plus a generously sized display screen for the optional navigation system.

For passengers, especially those in the rear seat, the wagon's five-centimetre stretch between the front and rear wheels provides some extra legroom.

Adding to the sport-wagon theme is a pair of stout little powerplants.

The starting-point EX runs with a 2.0-litre four-cylinder that produces 173 horsepower and 154 pound-feet of torque. The sportier side of the Forte5's demeanor is demonstrated with the up-level SX's turbo-charged 1.6-litre four-cylinder that pumps out 201 horsepower and 195 pound-feet of torque. Both engines use direct injection, whereby fuel is sprayed directly into the cylinders under extremely high pressure and not through the intake manifold.

Most automakers are adopting direct injection as a way to increase power (important on small-displacement engines) while reducing fuel consumption and curbing emissions.

Kia (and its Hyundai parent) has so far resisted the growing shift to continuously variable transmissions that appears to be spreading throughout the industry.

A traditional six-speed automatic is your only choice with the 2.0, while the turbo 1.6 can be ordered with a six-speed manual gearbox as well as an available six-speed automatic.

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# Life in the eco-fast lane

**More drivers on the road.** Congestion and fuel costs might slow things down a bit, but Canadians are still driving more

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In the year 2025, cars are legislated to be more than 35 percent fuel efficient than they are today. ISTOCK

For hockey goalies and their defensemen, controlling rebounds can be the difference between registering a shut out and being on the ugly end of a blow out.

Controlling rebounds is also part of the automotive environmental game, because every time there is an advance in this area there is a "rebound effect" to consider.

Basically it's a case of, if the technology makes driving cheaper and/or less of a guilt trip, then drivers will drive more.

It's a conundrum we've faced many times. Calorie-reduced or fat-reduced snack-food is a prime example. What we lose in calories per serving, we make up for in the number of servings. Just for the record, it says on my tube of "reduced fat" Pringles that 28 grams, or approximately 16 chips, is a "serving." I don't think so.

The automotive rebound is going to be particularly interesting to watch, because the reduced fuel costs and emissions come at virtually no expense to the driving experience. In fact, vehicles are getting more awesome. I could go on indefinitely about all the cool cars and features available today, but really just need to point out two items — heated steering wheel, heated and cooled driver's seat — because once your extremities are happy, your mood automatically follows.

We already don't need an excuse to drive more. More people have more places to go and more places to see. And more people want to own and drive vehicles. No surprise if I tell you there is more driving being done every year. A Statistics Canada survey estimated that, during 2009, Canadians drove their cars and light-duty trucks for a combined 293,298.8 million kilometres! In 2005, the number was 277,660.4 million. StatsCan doesn't do the survey any more, but I'm sure the numbers for 2013 would be up and alarming.

And one wonders how much driving we'll be doing in the year 2025, when cars are legislated to be more than 35 per cent fuel efficient than they are today? In 2010 the sales-weighted fuel economy average of new passenger cars was 7.9 L/100 km. According to Environment Canada, the emission regulations will push that weighted average to 6.0 L/100 km in 2020, and to 5.0 L/100 km by 2025.

Congestion and increasing vehicle ownership and fuel costs might slow things down a bit, but I think we'll always be driving if we can — and they'll be more of us.

People are working on the congestion and ownership issues (smart grids, car sharing, self-parking, etc.), so if they net some gains and make everything nice, they will have their own "rebound effects" to add to the pile. Yeah, more vehicles built, fueled, driven, etc.

Until then, there's only one thing to do about rebounds — cover your man, keep your stick on the ice.

# Nissan asks what women want

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Back in 1955, Dodge introduced a new model called La Femme. Aimed at women, it was painted in pastel colours, and included a matching raincoat and umbrella.

It failed, proving that it takes more than just a few "feminine touches" to appeal to female buyers. But while automakers generally know what won't work, it's an ongoing challenge to determine what does.

"I think women are misunderstood, and it's because the industry assumes they're disinterested in cars, and find them boring and one-dimensional," says Rachel Nguyen, director of exploratory and advanced product planning for Nissan's head office in Los Angeles. "Instead, they see it in their lives, and if they will enjoy being in it.

"When women walk into a dealership, they don't say, 'Wow, look at that new grille, it's so great compared to the last generation.' They look at the whole thing, and it's more than just the product."

Nguyen works with teams of designers, engineers and planners to identify major trends and customer needs, and also with consumers. While discussion groups are important, the company also uses immersion research that can include going into people's homes.

This research has led Nissan to incorporate such things as lighting and materials to improve the vehicle cabin's appearance, along with practicality. On three-row SUVs, the second-row seat slides forward in such a way that if it has a car seat on it, it's still easy to get into the third row. "We said, let's finally get it right where I don't have to move my kid out of the car seat to get my other kid into the back seat," Nguyen says. "We put our foot down, and put a push on engineering for that."

Nissan used input from female customers to help design its new pathfinder. CONTRIBUTED: NISSAN CANADA

Women also want technology as much as men do, but it needs to be intuitive and easy to use. The company is continually working on designs that take the enormous amount of information available, and present it in formats that are accessible, affordable, and also minimize distraction. "It's the kiss of death to say that you're designing for women," she says. "If you meet their needs, you will capture the needs of everyone."

## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
Having given your word about something, you can't break it because circumstances have changed and it suits you to change too. If you do, your reputation will head south fast, and so will your finances.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
Listen to your instincts today and do what they tell you. If you ignore them and lose out in some way, you will only have yourself to blame. Your inner eye sees everything.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
You're not the type to follow the same path as everyone. You like to blaze a trail and that is exactly what you should do today. Some will criticize you — mainly out of envy.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
If you must work almost non-stop, at least make sure you are working for yourself and not for people who benefit from your efforts. Better still, find a way to cut back on what you are doing. Put your wellbeing first.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
You cannot change the world but you can change your own attitude — and that will be a thousand times more productive. Your ultimate responsibility is to yourself.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
You want to be on the move and very soon you will be. Today, though, spend time checking and rechecking your plans, just in case you have missed something.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
Do what your instincts tell you is right, even if it means you stir up powerful forces that see you as a threat. And don't listen to those who say the old ways are the best. What they mean is they benefit from them.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
You want to protect your privacy but you also want to get out in the world. Somehow you will have to reconcile these two driving principles. Learn to compartmentalize your life.

### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
You know exactly what you want to be doing and exactly what you ought to be doing and for once the two coincide perfectly. Both at home and at work life will be easy today.

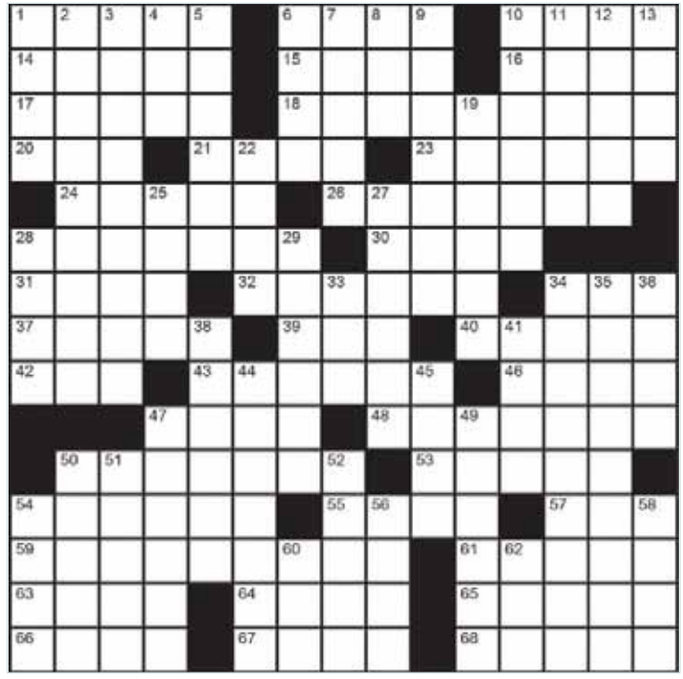
### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
You may be impatient to start something new but the planets suggest that for best results you should leave it a day or two. The approaching eclipse will focus your mind and your energy with laser-like intensity.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
What can you do to make the world a better place? Be a better person. That may sound a bit too simple but really it's the only viable course of action if you want to make a deep and lasting difference.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
You may be tempted to go public with news that makes a rival look bad but don't be too hasty. Do they know things about you that you don't want revealed? If so, think again. SALLY BROMPTON

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

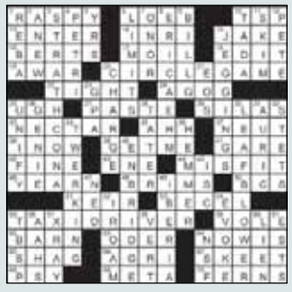
See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



**Across**
1. Mischief manufacturization
6. Madrid 'water'
10. Pepper __
14. Pantheon of Norse gods
15. "..._ _ digress..."
16. 'Hypn' suffix
17. Ms. Stanger of "The Millionaire Matchmaker"
18. Labatt Blue, for one: 2 wds.
20. Coming-in-plane, e.g.
21. Potato chip brand
23. Skillfully sidesteps something
24. Sushi shapes
26. Operating Room professional
28. Artist of 1905 painting Woman with a Hat
30. Subatomic particle
31. Burden
32. Scarf-like garment
34. Detectives, for short
37. Monsters
39. Law: French
40. "Home __" (1990)
42. TKO caller
43. Uses Twitter
46. Sky bear
47. Yes
48. Saskatchewan city since 1882
50. Judicious
53. Songbook standard: "You __ __ Sunshine"
54. Suspect stories from flax fibres
13. Flat-screen TVs, e.g.
19. Capital of Colombia
22. Abbreviated aide
25. Ms. Watier of cosmetics
27. Haughty
28. The Tragedy of Othello, the __ of Venice (Shakespeare tragedy)
29. "Don't Walk Away __" by Sam Roberts
33. The Raven poet's surname
34. 'City of the Arts', part of Metro Vancouver: 2 wds.
35. How some canned sardines are packed: 3 wds.
36. Sitcom star Mr. Hayes
38. Painter's abode
41. Gospel scribe
44. Do like Hulk Hogan
45. Drench
47. Rent out your apartment
49. _-__ movie
50. Beach: French
51. Streamlets
52. "__ Song" by Sisqo
54. "Take _ __" by Madonna
56. Cans
58. Leg point
60. Prevent
62. Cheyenne's li'l state
55. Maori warriors' traditional war cry/dance
57. Traditional tree
59. Where to deposit a vote: 2 wds.
61. Q."It's half past __ __ my watch, what does yours say?" A."Three o'clock, it must be fast."
63. Gawk at
64. Highway division
65. Singer Ms. Gorme (b.1928 - d.2013)
66. Towards BC
67. Energy units
68. CBC's "Republic of __"

**Down**
1. "__ Don't Preach" by Madonna
2. Change around
3. Sports stadium surface, sometimes
4. Puny parasite
5. Shrimp-like creatures
6. Donna Mills' role on "Knots Landing"
7. Jeans company
8. Sport-__ (All-purpose vehicle)
9. City near Calgary
10. 'See History Unfold' city in southern Manitoba
11. "Give __ _ __." (Try)
12. Fabric fabricated

### Yesterday's Crossword



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**How to play**
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### Yesterday's Sudoku

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